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HUGHES AND HOUGH,
AUCTIONEERS TO THE GOVERNMENT AND
ADMIRALTY.

General Auctioneers.

Share, Coal and General
Produce BrokersThe Undersigned have received instructions
to sell by Public Auction,
(For Account of the Concerned)

On THURSDAY,

December 18th, 1919, at 2.30 P.M., at their
Sales Rooms, No. 4, Des Vaux Road,
Corner of Ice House Street.VALUABLE CHINESE PORCELAINS,
CURLS, Etc., Etc.Including a large variety of 5-coloured and
2-coloured Vases, Wall Plates, Table Screens,
Blue and White Vases, and Incense Burners,
Old Bronze and Brass Figures, Vases, etc.,
Kalamkari, Lacquered Ware, Ivory, Agate
and Crystal Ornaments.The above stocks recently arrived from
Peking and include pieces from the Ming,
Kunshi, Kienlung and T'ungking Periods,
the bulk of which will be sold without
reserve.

(Full Particulars from Catalogue).

On view day of sale.

Terms:—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.The Undersigned have received instructions
to sell by Public Auction,

(For Account of the Concerned),

On SATURDAY,

December 20th, 1919, at 10.30 A.M., at their
Sales Rooms, No. 4, Des Vaux Road,
Corner of Ice House Street.

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF TOYS

Comprising:—
Dolls (large and small), Dolls' Beds, Foot
Balls, Tea Sets, Mechanical Toys, Xmas
Trees, Blocks, Games, Rubber Balls, Scrap
Books and Post Cards Albums, Toy Swords
and Guns, Xmas Decorations, Crackers,
Etc., Etc.

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HUGHES & HOUGH,
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to sell by Public Auction,

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On FRIDAY,

December 19th, 1919, commencing at 10.30 A.M.
at their Sales Rooms, No. 4, Des Vaux
Road, Corner of Ice House Street.A Small Consignment of first-class
Chocolates, including Daisies, Gnomes,
King's Fancy's, etc., etc.
The above arrived by Steamer Dock 14th.
To be sold in small lots.

Terms:—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.The Undersigned have received instructions
to sell by Public Auction,

(For Account of the Concerned),

On MONDAY,

December 22nd, 1919, at 10.30 A.M., at his
Residence No. 124, The Park.

THE

VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE

therein contained,

Comprising:—Arm chairs and Chesterfield
Sofa, Carpets and Rugs, Card Tables, Brass
Fenders and Fire Brasses, Marble Clock, etc.,
Teak Dining Suite, (Walnut) cabinet, comprising
large mirror back sideboard, Dinner
Wagon, Glass Cabinet, Oval Extension
Dining Table and Chairs, Sundry Glass
Crockery Ware, etc., large Oak Bedstead
(Half Mattresses), Wardrobes, Washstand,
Brass Twin Bedsteads, specially designed
Table with adjustable Mirrors by
Powell, White Enamelled Bedroom & Nursery
Furniture, Hotroom Cupboards, Roll-top
Desk, Pantry and Kitchen Utensils.

Also

New Sunblinds, Pot Plants, including a
number of Potted Maidens, Hail Fern, Lawn
Mower, etc., etc.

(Full Particulars from Catalogue).

On view Sunday 21st inst. from 2 P.M.

Terms:—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.The Undersigned have received instructions
to sell by Public Auction,

(For Account of the Concerned),

On MONDAY,

December 22nd, 1919, at 2 P.M., at No. 1,
Connaught Road 3rd Floor.Several lots of useful Office Furniture, etc., etc.,
as follows: Large and small Desks, Typewriters,
2 Iron Safes.

Office clock, weighing machine, Telescope.

Sample Canteens, etc., etc., etc.

On view day of sale.

Terms:—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.The Undersigned have received instructions
to sell by Public Auction,

(For Account of the Concerned),

On TUESDAY,

December 23rd, 1919, at 2.30 P.M., at their
Sales Rooms, No. 4, Des Vaux Road,
Corner of Ice House Street.A Water cooled Scott Motor Cycle, with
Gloria Side Car.1918 Model, Twin cylinder two stroke,
chain drive.

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Terms:—Cash.

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FAVOURED with instructions from

The Concerned,

will sell by Public Auction, TO-DAY
(WEDNESDAY), December 17th, 1919,
at 2.15 P.M.

at his Sales Rooms.

A QUANTITY OF

MISCELLANEOUS GOODS & EFFECTS.

Also

200 lbs. Brazil Nuts.

200 lbs. Filberts.

30 boxes Ice Cream Cones.

10 cases Laundry Bar Soap.

An Assortment of Best Port, White Wines,
Claret, Vermouth and Whisky, will be sold
in small lots.

Terms:—Cash on delivery.

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FRIDAY, December 19th, 1919,
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at his Sales Room.

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND

EFFECTS:

Wardrobes, Desks, Chairs, Chest of
Drawers, Dressing Tables, Bookcases, Arm-
chairs, Couches, Benches, and Glassware,
Brass Ornaments, Vases, Pictures, Ice Boxes,
Bedsteads, Clocks, Typewriters, Gramophones,
Sideboards, Napkins, Hatstands and a long
line of Sundries.

Also

1 Piano.

Terms:—Cash on Delivery.

Hongkong, December 18th, 1919. 248.

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The Concerned,

will sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY, December 20th, 1919,
at 2.15 P.M.

at his Sales Room.

A QUANTITY OF

CHILDREN'S BICYCLES, AND

TRICYCLES (new) TOYS

DOLLS.

Tea Sets, Rubber Balls, Games, Scrap
Books, Xmas Decorations, etc., etc.

Also

1,000 lbs. Guaranteed Best Mixed
Chocolates, including Daisies, Gnomes,
King's Fancy's, etc., etc.(The Chocolates are in first class condition
3,250 lbs. sold in 3 Auctions).

Terms:—Cash on Delivery.

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IT IS HEREBY NOTICED that SEALED

TENDERS in duplicate, which should

be clearly marked "TENDERS FOR

QUARRIES" will be received at this Office

until noon on MONDAY, the 22nd day of

DECEMBER, 1919, for the letting of the under-

mentioned Granite Quarries at Hongkong,
Kowloon, and the New Territories, for one

year from the 1st January 1920.

Each Tender must be accompanied by a

receipt to the effect that the Tenderer has

deposited in the Colonial Treasury a sum as

stated in the Schedule hereunder opposite to

each quarry, as a pledge of the bona fides of

his offer, which sum shall be forfeited to the

Crown, if the Tenderer refuses to carry out

his tender and comply with the conditions

hereinafter contained, should the tender be

accepted.

The Government does not bind itself to

accept the Highest or any Tender.

Forms of Tender can be obtained from the

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PARTICULARS OF THE QUARRIES.

Quarry Lot No. Approximate Area in Acres. Upset Price in Pounds. Deposit in Pounds.

Test No. 101 No. 1. 12.00 17,000.00 250.00

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No. 102 No. 1. 1.14 1,500.00 50.00

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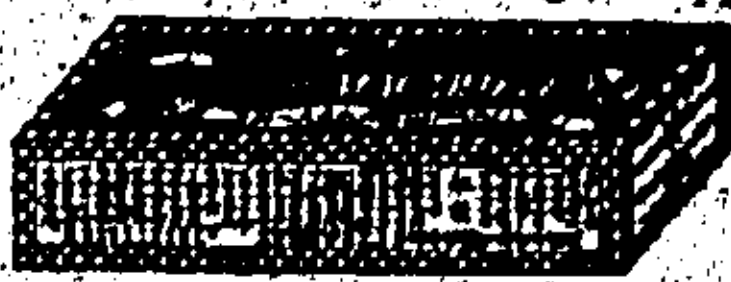
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RANDOM REFLECTIONS.

The Governor has now been with us for three months and still the multitude of questions which were held over throughout the whole of last summer are awaiting settlement. What is the matter? His Excellency came to the Colony with a reputation for energetic action which caused us to conjure up visions of Government Departments galvanised into wonderful and unaccustomed activity. A passion for work was to permeate all from the highest to the lowest. We almost perished at the mental picture! A wave of the magic wand and beautiful little bijou residences were to spring up all over Kowloon. Another signal given, and thousands of coolies, unloosed from the leash, would simply tear a way through the hill-side in order to open great stretches of undeveloped hill district to the architect and builder. The salaries of Civil Servants were to go up, and rents were to come tumbling down. Even a band was not outside the range of possibility. We had simply to wait until the new Governor arrived to press the button and then, in a short while, everything in the garden would be lovely.

Well, we have waited, and now where are we? The Civil Servants are still sighing for the promised land, and the new-comers to the Police Force, whose experience of Colonial Administration has not taught them the blessed virtues of patience, are so unhappy that they all want to return home. There seems to be some hitch over the Kowloon development scheme. The Secretary of State, presumably, has put a finger in the pie and cannot quite make up his mind whether a big hotel or a series of semi-detached villas, or both, will be best for us. The cynical buyers still scoff at the idea that another railway up the Peak is either an engineering or a commercial possibility, and landlords certainly do not show any signs of depression.

I do not blame the Governor's A.D.C. He has proved himself to be an energetic and business-like young man. He will bring us using the word in its generic sense, of course—the news when there is any, and will tell us how best it may be put into type in order to catch the public eye, so anxious is he to create a good impression. But, unfortunately, he is given no news to bring. We do not even blame the Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, although in the past his oracular smile and assumption of the famous "Wait-and-See" attitude had the effect of raising our expectations unduly. The P.W.D. is certainly not at fault. Within a month or two the road round the island will be completed, and, although it is an enterprise which was started long before Germany had grown into a menace, and was probably discussed by the early settlers at Stanley, no one shall accuse me of not giving credit where credit is due.

Who then remains? I trust it will not be regarded as *lèse majesté*, but it seems that, by a process of exhaustion, we have come back to His Excellency himself. We fondly imagined a hustler of the American type, with the well-worn placards on the office door. "Don't come in unless you have something important to say," "Time is money," and so on, and we pictured a string of officials passing in and out of the portals and knotty problems settled with the ease and precision of a Chicago meat-packing establishment dealing with piglets. And now it seems we have one who, although probably believing that where speech is silver, silence is gold, does not worry over the corresponding tag that actions speak louder than words. His Excellency, I think, needs an Advance Agent in addition to his A.D.C., and one of the Advance Agent's qualifications must be a vivid imagination. Surely there must be some schemes maturing in the back ground. But even if there are not, it does not much matter so long as we are led to believe there are. That is a principle of government which our authorities do not appear to understand. Let us have something to discuss and worry over. It is of little moment whether it ever comes to anything. It is this apocryphal silence which puts our nerves on edge.

A few weeks ago, it will be remembered, there was a recrudescence of the agitation against "Chinese slavery." Letters and interviews appeared in the papers, and the question was discussed from many points of view. I was not particularly interested at the time because most of the arguments were familiar and I knew that the result locally would be nil. I am, however, particularly interested in free discussion, with a fair field and no favour. I do not, and never shall be able to, repose full confidence in those placed in authority over us so long as their guiding principle in government appears to be to quash, by any means at their disposal, any comment or criticism upon any subject likely to cause trouble or difficulty. "Give peace in my department in my time, O Lord," is a prayer which doubtless many conscientious and hard-working officials utter whilst on their way to the office, and it probably goes up to heaven with greater fervency than usual when changes are anticipated and new tasks have to be undertaken. In one sense the aspiration is pious enough. It becomes impious, however, when it predisposes one to shut one's eyes to abuses, or when the suppliant makes up his mind to invoke the powers of the devil in order that his ambition may be gratified at any cost.

The lady who was responsible for the most recent outcry against the Chinese custom of buying and selling children may or may not have been ill-advised. I do not, at the moment, wish to enter into a discussion of the merits or demerits of the case. I do know, however, that she was thoroughly sincere and was willing to spend a considerable amount of her own money to help to sweep away a practice which she regarded as a disgrace to a British Colony. Her arguments might have been met fairly and openly, but were they? Her activities were calculated, it seems, to cause annoyances and disturbances, and I should very much like to know the means adopted to bring them to an end. Later on, my wish may be gratified.

In this case there was no question of ill-considered discussion in "public" leading towards the creation of racial animosity. Some of the more enlightened Chinese themselves are not proud of the fact that the conditions under which hundreds of thousands of their own people are forced to live lead to the harping of children by their parents. Why, then, should indirect pressure be brought to bear upon anyone who, rightly or wrongly, imagines that good can be done by ventilating the subject? The lady to whom I have referred was not a fanatic; she was merely humane. She knew that improvements could only be brought about by slow processes, and she endeavoured to enlist the sympathies of certain influential members of both of Houses of Parliament, hoping, through them, to secure, as a first step, the registration of all "adopted" servants. Now questions in Parliament are generally regarded by permanent officials as quite unnecessary, very unpleasant, and almost impertinent. Was any pressure brought to bear on the lady's husband, who holds an official position, to induce his wife to leave things alone? I have a shrewd suspicion on the point, and it makes me very indignant. The thought that such abominable misuses of power sometimes do occur breeds distrust, and that distrust makes impossible the full measure of sympathy between the man in the street and the bureaucrats who is essential to the coming of the millennium.

I do not suppose any reasonable person would object to giving the Executive Power a fairly free hand to frame regulations for the more efficient working of a Legislative Act, for example, if there was not always with us this fear that the authority so delegated might, for the sake of peace and convenience, be misused to our disadvantage. I see that the Australian Government has recently adopted the practice of publishing replies to criticism of its administration. I do not know whether it is feasible, or would be altogether desirable, for our Government to assume the role of the advocate ready to argue a case whatever it might be. But they might do us the credit of believing that we are just as much interested in good government as they are. It is to the advantage of all concerned that we should be admitted into their confidence as much as possible, and

certainly no harm could be done, either to dignity or efficiency, if they took a little trouble to clear away something which is rankling in many people's minds when, after all, that something may be nothing more than "a mare's nest." I will give them an opportunity by asking a plain question. When the lady of whom I have spoken cabled to a member of the House of Lords and to other members of Parliament did the Authorities here—civil, naval or military—approach her husband with the intimation that such action on her part was undesirable, and, if so, why? Have they never heard of "Woman's Rights?"

There is one note of criticism in "Scribbler's" gossip this week which, I think, should be emphasised. Why should not the men who have been on active service be placed on the same footing as the officers of the Garrison when invitations to official functions are being issued? These functions are paid for, I believe, out of public funds, so that it is not a question of an individual's right to invite whomsoever he may please.

The Governor is given a special allowance in order that he may have the means with which to dispense hospitality upon a scale befitting his position. His Excellency entertains on behalf of the community, and his guests are those whom he believes the community would wish him to entertain. Naturally, a good deal is left to the discretion of the Executive, but such, broadly speaking, is the position, and it seems to me, in the circumstances, that a splendid opportunity was lost of quietly and unostentatiously showing that the part played by our men in France is recognised by the public.

Who wants a parade, with a band playing and a gathering akin to a Sunday School treat or a circus? Surely not the men themselves. They have been exhorted to band themselves together in order that they may not lose that spirit of comradeship fostered by life in the trenches. Stuff and nonsense! They wish to be left alone to pick up again as quickly as possible the threads of business life, but it does not follow that they might not have appreciated an action which would have recognised their right, as private individuals, still to rank with those who have not yet doffed the uniform, or with those who, in other walks, are accustomed to be regarded as our prominent citizens.

Naturally, our officials would see difficulties in the way. They always do, but there is no reason why those difficulties should not have been surmounted. I have no doubt that a good many civilians went to the Government House Ball, although it was intended primarily for Military and Naval men. Upon what grounds were they selected? Those former residents in the Colony who went to the war and have returned are not so very many. Even if it was urged that the Ball was for commissioned officers, some of those men held commissions. Were they invited? Some of them might have taken commissions, but elected to remain in the ranks. Should they be passed over? Even if it was claimed that they are no more entitled to recognition than those who wished to go but were prevented I do not suppose, if the question was put to the test, that those who had to remain would be jealous of any recognition given to those who went.

These matters ought not to be discussed in public at all. They leave an unpleasant flavour behind them, and place the men concerned in a position which they probably do not envy. But when the tact and diplomacy in high places, upon which we have been taught to rely, are lacking, what are we to do? One point I wish to make, apart from all question of functions which may be confined strictly to the Services, is that in the social order of civilians, if there is such a social order, the men who fought in the Great War should have first place. Their services should count equally with money and influence. There was a chance of making this understood at the recent Ball and it was not taken.

ROBERT R. RANDOM.

COLONY'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR AUGUST.

The Hongkong Treasury issues the following financial statement for the month of August, 1919:

Balance of assets and liabilities on July 31st, 1919	\$7,934,858.71
Revenue from August 1st to 31st, 1919	1,222,929.44
Expenditure from August 1st, 1919	98,517,788.05
Balance	\$7,524,435.75

CAPT. ROSS SMITH IN SINGAPORE. LAST FAVOURS TO CROWDS OF ADMIRERS.

"The best natured man in the world." This is the description which aptly fits Captain Ross Smith. Right up to the last moment of departure on an exacting seven hours' flight at 6.45 this morning (says the *Straits Times* of December 5th.) he signed autograph books, stood for photographers, received gifts of fruit, letters and souvenirs, and shook hands with a crowd of admirers. Finally he stood up in the machine in flying kit for a well known resident with a large stand camera—who ought to have secured a good picture. Perhaps the airman would have been better pleased if everybody had been kept well away, but if he was to be failed to show it. He was courteous personified. And the same remark applies to Lieut. Keith Smith and the sergeants.

It was worth getting up early to see the start, and by 6.30 a big crowd of spectators, European and Asiatic, had assembled. The airman were busy around the machine seeing to the finishing touches of the tuning up and at the half hour everything was in readiness. Then the engines were started, and it was noted that the old time winding up of the propeller does not exist with the Rolls engine. They were set in motion by some self starting arrangement from the side, and at once began to revolve at slow speed.

Seated at the controls, Capt. Ross Smith had to call for volunteers to help move the machine from its resting place, as the wheels had become slightly imbedded in the dew soaked ground. A crowd of police and others were instructed where to push on the lower right plane, while the two mechanics got underneath to push at the wheels. It was a case of "save us from our friends" as regards the misguided gentlemen who pulled vigorously on one of the wires connecting the planes.

Soon the machine swung round, Lieut. Keith Smith and the sergeants climbed aboard, and the spectators waved and shouted good byes to the airmen. It was then about 6.45. The plane taxied over the ground to the Golf Club end, swung round, and with the engines opened out rushed the full length of the course. It rose—with none too much room to spare as it seemed—and sailed over the houses at the Owen Road end, climbing steadily. Coming round again it passed directly over the ground, still flying low and affording a magnificent view in the bright early morning sunlight. One of the sergeants was seen standing and looking on in the crowd semaphoring vigorously with both arms. A cheer went up and hats and handkerchiefs were waved in a final good-bye. The machine went away towards the south, came round again in a big circle and sped off finally on its southern flight, growing smaller and smaller until it was swallowed up in the sky. It left the shores of Singapore flying directly over Tanjong Pagar at a height of about 2,000 feet, going towards Bintang. Everyone in Singapore must have had a splendid view of the departure and all wish the gallant airman the best of luck in their great undertaking.

TO THE FAR SOUTH. They are flying to-day to Kalidjati, which is some 640 miles away; up the right should occupy about seven hours. As announced yesterday, Capt. Ross Smith expected that his three subsequent stopping places before Port Darwin would be Soerabaya, Semabaya and Timor, but was not certain.

A CLEAR WEEK. "We have a clear week left," he said this morning, "and we ought to make it." He added, "Good-bye to our friends in Singapore. We have had a magnificent reception, everything has been done for us, and we are grateful." And Singapore is grateful to its four visitors from the clouds for those three days of thrills and excitement. Capt. Ross Smith's courtesy and kindness at a time when he must have been at the highest pitch of nervous tension will always remain the outstanding feature of this unique occasion.

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PARADE. There will be parade of the whole Corps (including men previously excused attendance at parades, and the Cadet Company) to-day, the 17th inst., for inspection by H.E. the Governor.

Fall in at 5 p.m. in the road on the North side of the Hongkong Cricket Club ground.

Dress, drill order (i.e., cap, tunic, trousers, puttees, belt, sidearms and rifle).

The Mounted Section will wear breeches instead of trousers.

"D" Company will not carry rifles or sidearms.

Officers will not wear swords.

N.C.O.s and men (except "D" Co.) who have returned their rifles and sidearms to Headquarters can draw them between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., and after 3.30 p.m. on 17th inst., and can return them to Headquarters at the conclusion of the parade.

G. E. STEWART, Capt.,
Adjutant, H.K.D.C.

NOTICES.

The Corps Championship will be shot for at the King's Park Range on Sunday, the 21st inst., commencing at 9.30 a.m. Conditions: 200, 300 and 400 yards, Binley targets, open sight, 7 rounds and sighting shot at each range. Regulations: slings allowed. Entries to be made on the range. Entrance fee, 50 cents. Hongkong, December 16th/1919.

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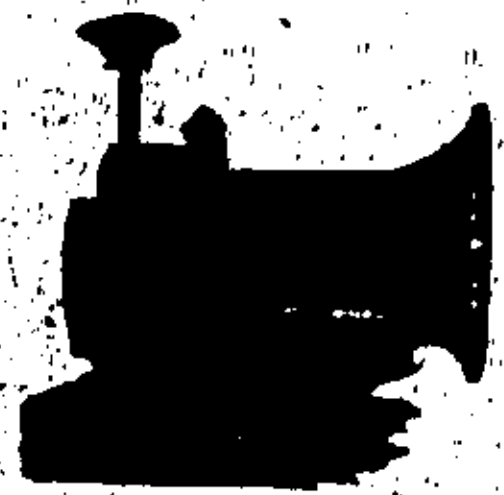


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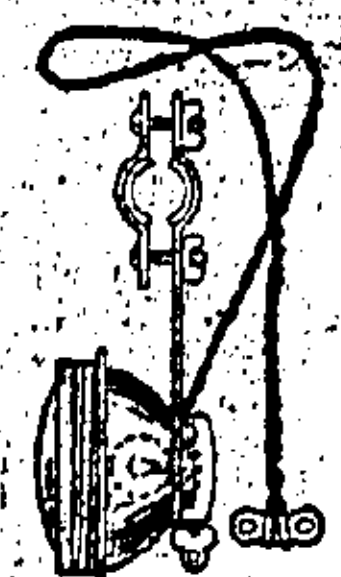
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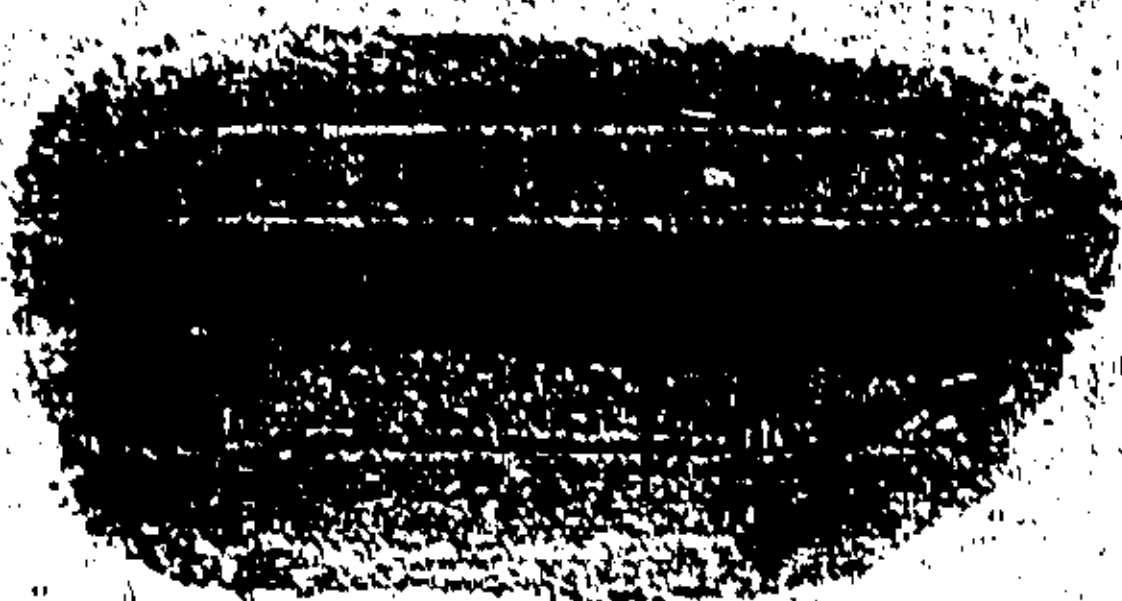


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of James William Lowther, writes Charles
T. King in the *Express*. Many were
afraid last winter that he would resign,
but he comforted the Government and the
House by announcing that he would like
to remain in the chair until the fulfil-
ment of peace.

I am sure that since Sir Thomas Hun-
gerford became the first Speaker in 1377
no occupant of the chair has been more
fully master and servant of the Commons
than Mr. Lowther. Right through his De-
puty Speakership 1895 to 1903 and his
Speakership from 1903 to this moment, he
has adorned the chair, dominated the
House, and held the reverence—almost the
fear—of most members.

He was made for the great position.
He is "a fine figure of a man," whether
rising in full-bottomed wig and silken
gown and silver-buckled shoes to announce
some message from far shores to the
Mother of Parliaments, or riding his big
horse or fencing on the terrace of morn-
ings to secure air and exercise in order
to counteract the long sittings beneath
his canopy in the Commons.
With such a figure, tall, dignified, that
of a finely developed Englishman, there
was one voice that the Speaker of the
Commons needed. Mr. Lowther has it.
It is a voice full of deep, resonant tones
and capable of great meaning in its in-
flexions. It is a daily joy at the close
of questions to hear his voice intoning—
with natural power—the conventional
order. "The Clerk will now proceed to
read the orders of the day." It is rhythm
and music.

READY WIT.

Mr. Lowther has averted many a black
storm with his ready wit. His swift
answers, straight to the point, are never
strained, and his superb voice is never
hurried or fluttered. I remember one day
questions were asked after Mr. Churchill like
a pack of wolves. Again and again the
Minister evaded or said nothing. "Mr.
Speaker," cried one, "are we not entitled
to a reply from the right hon. gentle-
man?"

"You can't get blood out of a stone,"
came the soft, cooling voice of the Speak-
er, and it ended in laughter.
Years ago there was some dissension in
the House, and Mr. Hilaire Belloc, broad-
chested and a little corpulent, was
in the midst of it. Some one roared that
Mr. Belloc should settle it outside the
House. "The hon. member," said the
Speaker, soothing the din, "is excellently
qualified to do so. He fills a large space in
the literary world." The House laughed,
and all was well. He controls the seeth-
ing cauldron in an excited scene with a
firm hand. Members respect or fear his
eye, and everybody admires his glacial
impartiality whether to rank or party.
His shrewd common sense helped to frame
and to place on the Statute-book the
great extension of the franchise seen in
this country, and his humour and under-
standing of men are such that often when
I have seen, as it were, great quivering
boulders of trouble on the equivoque, he
has brought them down on the side of
laughter and good will.

When, after an hour or two of high
tension and hectic excitement, the House
needs rest for its nerves, he will call
on a bore, and the House will melt away
for coffee or Scotch. When a particularly
futile debate is on he will mercifully call
on somebody who will be funny. When
this man of superb presence and mighty
tact leaves the chair, who will succeed
him? Many names are mentioned in
gossip. Sir Ernest Pollock has indiscrib-
ible solemnity of face and real humour;
Mr. Asquith would make a fine Speaker;
but perhaps the man best equipped by
experience and knowledge is the Deputy
Speaker. With the Whitley Councils. No
man I could point to would quite fill
Mr. Lowther's place. Such men are
seldom born—or made.

LORD FRENCH AND IRELAND

Reference to the present government of
Ireland was made by the Protestant
Primate of Ireland (Dr. Crozier), in his
address at a special assembly of the Synod
of the diocese of Meath at Dublin,
recently, for the purpose of electing a
bishop in succession to the late Dr.
Keene. Dr. Crozier said the police, who
had done their duty nobly and well, and
whose loyalty had never failed, had been
singled out for brutal abuse by a band
of cowards, at whose escape from punish-
ment, the great bulk of the population in
many parts of Ireland seemed to con-
nive. Not content with the murder of in-
nocent policemen, the same gang of des-
peradoes had wrecked their vengeance
upon gallant soldiers when they were un-
able to defend themselves. The curse of
God must rest on the perpetrators of such
crimes, and the no less guilty persons who
refused to bear testimony against them.
Deep down in the hearts of thousands of
the Irish people there must be a longing
desire to pursue their business and farm-
ing operations in security and peace,
though they lacked moral courage to as-
sert themselves, and if the law of the
land proved stronger than the law of
Bolshevism they might look for a revul-
sion of feeling. He believed law and
order would prove the stronger force. In
Lord French and Mr. Ian Macpherson
they had not only strong and sympathetic
statesmen, but also men whom no threats
of violence would turn from the even tenor
of their duty. When Lord French came
to Ireland as Lord Lieutenant a valued
friend of his wrote to him, saying that
his Excellency had done many brave and
gallant deeds, but the most gallant and
valiant of all was his effort to try to
rescue Ireland from anarchy. He hoped
Lord French would have the credit of
bringing peace and order to their beloved
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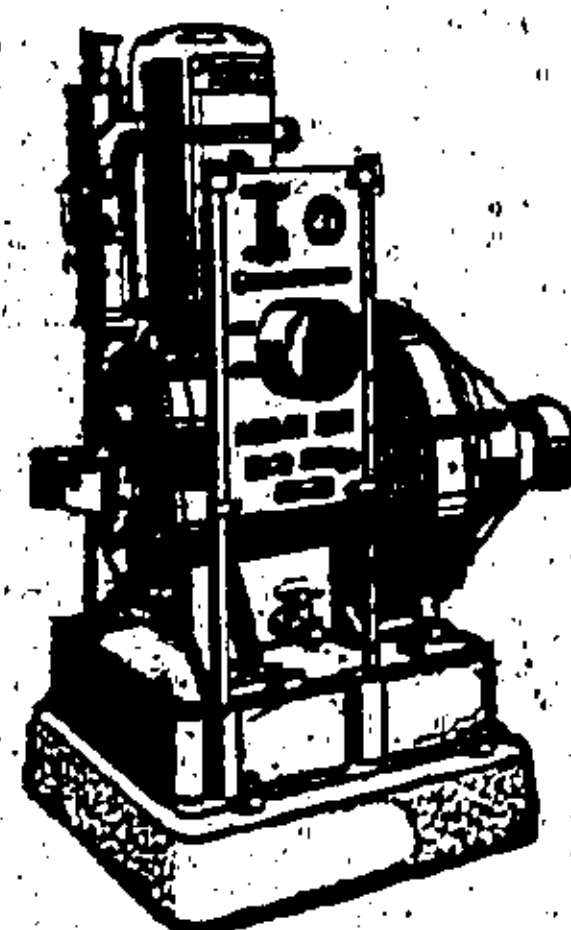
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BETTER BALL MATCHES.

THE FAILURE OF LOW GUNNING.

A day or two since I went down to play with two friends on a very pretty and engaging little golf course (written a correspondent in the Times). As a clue I may add that Mr. Pickwick was quite right when he said that it was "situated in one of the most pleasant spots near London."

The match had been made with some care beforehand: I was to play the better of their two balls. One of the two, my host, who knew the course intimately, thereupon suborned the greenkeeper to put all the tees back to their furthest limits. His reason for doing so was exceedingly ingenious. He wanted all the "par four" holes to be as difficult as possible. Then, so he thought, we should all three be "scrambling for fours" together: they would have two putts to one and I should suffer the tortures of the damned in watching them.

As a matter of fact his scheme wholly miscarried. I won both rounds very comfortably, because I did, at any rate, most of the "four" holes in five. The victory is a matter of purely private satisfaction, if any. The interest lies in the devilish subtlety of my host's plan. I am disposed to think it was too subtle: yet it was not nearly so paradoxical as it may appear. He who is presumably the better and stronger player must, so it would seem at first sight, profit by the holes being as long as possible. Yet there is something to be said on the other side. If the tees are forward so that many of the holes can be reached with a drive and a pitch, the man who can drive reasonably far and sure should not have much difficulty in doing a string of fours, and he will then be rather a wearing antagonist for those who are a little shorter and less accurate. But if the tees are back and four men really good play, anyone can still get a five. The arrogant creature who thinks that he ought to get fours will be annoyed (a) because he gets fives, and (b) because the other people get fives too, although he has, as he says, "played the hole far better than they have." If (c) they, alternately hole long putts and get fours he will soon be livid with fury. Something of the same kind may be noticed when there is a strong wind blowing. Because it is, on the whole, more difficult to play against the wind than with it, it is assumed that the better player will gain on the way out against the wind. Yet he often does not. He just misses a four, the other man gets a five, and a half. But on the way home down wind the fours are so comparatively easy that the stronger player gets them with a regularity that the weaker cannot live up to.

ON THE GREEN.

I have tried honestly to hold a brief for my ingenious friend and put his case as well as I can, although I think he was on the whole wrong. On one point, however, he was undeniably right. When one has two enemies all three are on the green in the same number of strokes, and nobody is dead. Those two putts to one have much moral and material value. Well might Mr. Hutchinson write that the single player must "take to himself an extra plating of the *aces triplets*." Their mere maneuvering is very hard to endure. How one hates their prolonged and confident calculations. "Shall I get a four; partner, and you go for a three; and on so. In a four-ball match one can at least retort in kind. Alone one can only lie down at full length with ostentatious weariness and bear it. There are days when two partners can dovetail their putts with so cruel a symmetry that one almost ceases to believe in a beneficent providence.

The golfer who backs himself for any considerable stake against two adversaries is a bold man. There is no type of match more likely to lead to disappointment. How often do two players, individually almost contemptible, become in combination invincible. On the other hand, now and again one may beat two opponents who should on their normal form be far too strong, merely by insulting them. I recollect, with gloating, a game played on a fiercely mountainous course, which I had never seen before, in a raging wind against two golfers who knew every inch of the ground. They magnanimously offered me holes up: I waived the offer aside with a superb gesture, and I beat them, not by one hole, but by many. Through pure ignorance my ball seemed to go to that small portion of the green where one might hope to put the ball dead. Their balls, for all their knowledge, lay always where they must either hole out right or run far across the green. It was a glorious fluke and remains a beautiful memory; but I would not play the match again.

In such a case as this the very strength of the allied side is its undoing, for its members begin to reflect how foolish they will look if they lose, and it is they who then require the triple brass. In a more general way the errors into which the two partners may fall are such as should be rebuked by a spiritual rather than a golfing pastor—pride, envy, and uncharitableness. There is a type of player who, when he makes one of a partnership, is obsessed by the notion of beating his partner as well as his opponent. His lamentations for fourth parties that he "has had to do all the work himself" are really so many boasts, and he is jealous of his wretched partner if he is as much as halves a hole. This frame of mind, though utterly wrong, is not always for a while, he goes on his way rejoicing. But, presently, things go less well. Then the partner with whom he has been secretly pleased for showing up his achievements in such striking relief, becomes an object of revulsion for not coming to the rescue, and the house, hopelessly divided against itself, tumbles in ruins.

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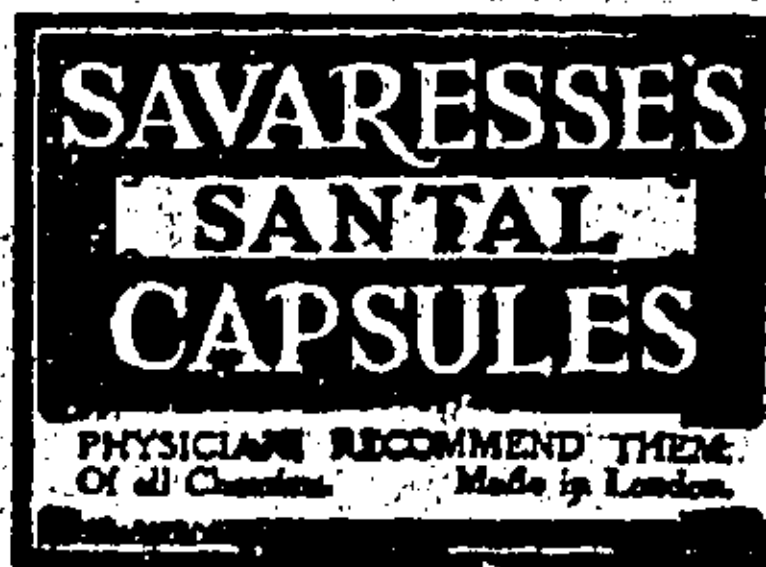
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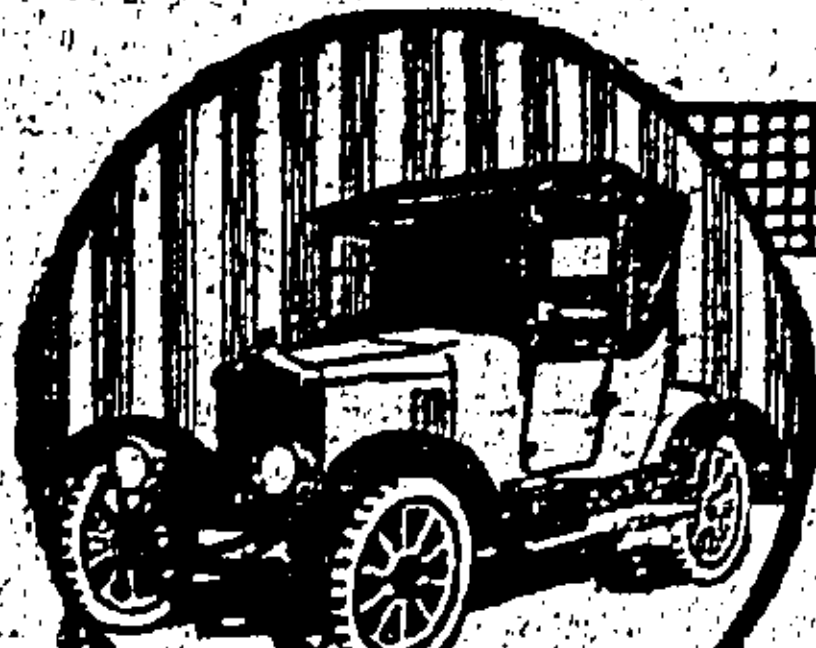
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"DILWARA"	5,500	18th Dec. Noon	Straits, Ceylon, Bombay.
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"KASHGAR"	9,000	2nd Jan.	— Do —

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"ARRATOON APCAR"	4,500	23rd Dec.	Straits, Rangoon & Calcutta.
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"ST ALBANS"	4,000	25th Jan.	Sandakan, Thursday Island, Queensland Ports and Sydney.
"EASTERN"	4,000	11th Feb.	—

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"MADRAS"	7,000	24th Dec.	Shanghai & Kobe.
"DUNERA"	5,500	25th Dec.	Shanghai
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"ICONIUM"	...	About	Jan. 20th.
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SIBERIA MARU	30,000	Jan. 23rd (from Yokohama)
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SHANGHAI, KORE & YOKOHAMA	"FORTEOS" ... 20,000	On or about 11th Jan 1920
	"AMAZONE" ... 10,000	On or about 28th Jan.

MASSILLON via SAIGON, ST. GA. FORE, COLOMBO, DIBOUTI, SUEZ, PORT SAID ... "ANDRE LEBON" ... 11,000 ... On or about 28th Dec

SHANGHAI ... "SCHARNHORST" (Chartered) On or about 30th Dec.

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"SUMATRA MARU" ... Sunday, 4th January.

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"GANGES MARU" ... Friday, 19th December.

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"SHISEI MARU" ... Wednesday, 31st December.

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INWARD MAILS.

FROM	PER	DATE
SHANGHAI	Chienan	17th Dec.
SHANGHAI	D'Amara	17th Dec.
U.S.A. JAPAN and SHANGHAI	Nile	17th Dec.
SHANGHAI	Nishima Maru	18th Dec.
SHANGHAI	Kaifuku Maru	18th Dec.
SHANGHAI	Novara	18th Dec.
AUSTRALIA and MANILA	Nikko Maru	25th Dec.
SHANGHAI	Togo Maru	25th Dec.
HONGKONG	Tenaka Maru	25th Dec.

OUTWARD MAILS.

FOR	PER	DATE
Macao	Sui An	Wednesday, 17th, 8.30 A.M.
Pakhoi and Haiphong	Kaifong	Wednesday, 17th, 8.30 A.M.
Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, South Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, Egypt & EUROPE via LIVERPOOL	Teucer	Wednesday, 17th, 9.45 A.M.
Japan via Moji	Teucer	Wednesday, 17th, 10.30 A.M.
Macao	Chuncho	Wednesday, 17th, 4.30 P.M.
Philippine Islands	Loatier	Wednesday, 17th, 5.00 P.M.
Japan via Kobe	Yatsuyu	Wednesday, 17th, 5.00 P.M.

Swatow, Amoy, and Formosa via Takoo	Sui An	Thursday, 18th, 8.00 A.M.
Macao	Sui An	Thursday, 18th, 8.30 A.M.
Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, South Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, Bombay and Aden	Dileara	Thursday, 18th, 9.15 A.M.
SHANGHAI, NORTH CHINA, JAPAN via KAGISAKI, HONGKONG, CANADA, UNITED STATES, CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICA, and EUROPE via SAN FRANCISCO	Tenaka Maru	Thursday, 18th, 9.45 A.M.
Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, South Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, Egypt & EUROPE via LIVERPOOL	Doyleston	Thursday, 18th, 3.00 P.M.
Macao	Chuncho	Thursday, 18th, 4.30 P.M.
Macao	Sui An	Friday, 19th, 8.30 A.M.
Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, South Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, Egypt & EUROPE via LIVERPOOL	Novara	Friday, 19th, 9.15 A.M.
Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, South Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, Egypt & EUROPE via LIVERPOOL	Mishima Maru	Friday, 19th, 9.45 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy, and Formosa via Takoo	Hai Hong	Friday, 19th, 10.30 A.M.
Philippine Islands	Loatier	Friday, 19th, 4.30 P.M.
Macao	Chuncho	Friday, 19th, 4.30 P.M.
Macao	Nikko Maru	Saturday, 20th, 10.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy, and Formosa via Takoo	Sui An	Saturday, 20th, 1.30 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy, and Formosa via Takoo	Chuncho	Saturday, 20th, 3.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy, and Formosa via Takoo	Chuncho	Saturday, 20th, 4.30 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy, and Formosa via Takoo	Sui An	Sunday, 21st, 8.30 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy, and Formosa via Takoo	Amakusa Maru	Sunday, 21st, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy, and Formosa via Takoo	Haiching	Tuesday, 23rd, 1.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy, and Formosa via Takoo	Idomenus	Tuesday, 23rd, 1.45 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy, and Formosa via Takoo	Idomenus	Wednesday, 24th, 3.30 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy, and Formosa via Takoo	Tango Maru	Wednesday, 24th, 8.45 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy, and Formosa via Takoo	Tango Maru	Friday, 26th, 9.30 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy, and Formosa via Takoo	Sado Maru	Friday, 26th, 9.45 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy, and Formosa via Takoo	Quinlan	Friday, 26th, 10.30 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy, and Formosa via Takoo	Kama Maru	Tuesday, 30th, 10.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy, and Formosa via Takoo	Tamag	Tuesday, 30th, 2.00 P.M.

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

COMMERCIAL.

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On London	December 16/19
Telegraphic Transfer	100
Bank Bill, on demand	100
Bank Bill, at 30 days' sight	100
Bank Bill, at 60 days' sight	100
Credit, at 6 months' sight	100
Documentary Bill, at 6 months' sight	100
On Paris	December 16/19
Bank Bill, on demand	100
Credit, at 6 months' sight	100
On New York	December 16/19
Bank Bill, on demand	100
Credit, at 60 days' sight	100
On Hongkong	December 16/19
Telegraphic Transfer	211
Bank Bill, on demand	211
On Calcutta	December 16/19
Telegraphic Transfer	211
Bank Bill, on demand	211
On Shanghai	December 16/19
Bank Bill, at sight	nom.
Private, 30 days' sight	100
On Yokohama	December 16/19
On demand—Poco	1.3
On Manila	December 16/19
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